



Problem-Solving Courts Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2007 12:30 pm – 2 pm

IJC room 1165

I. Welcome

Judge Shaheed called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm. Member present included Judge Brugnaux, Judge Blau, Judge Trockman, Judge Todd, Judge Witte and Don Travis. Others present included Cheri Harris and Mary Kay Hudson.

II. Review minutes of last meeting – May 18, 2007

Members reviewed and approved the minutes from the previous meeting held May 18, 2007.

III. Reentry court rules workgroup update

Ms. Hudson reported that the board adopted interim rules for reentry courts on June 15, 2007. Since that time, Cheri Harris noticed an incorrect cross-reference in the interim rules; therefore the rules will be presented the board again this September to correct this error. The amendment will be technical in nature only. No substantive changes will be proposed to the board.

Mary Kay Hudson reported that the reentry court rules workgroup is still in the process of drafting final rules for public comments. The workgroup is scheduled to meeting next on August 10th. Mary Kay Hudson provided members with a proposed timeline for the reentry court rules. It is anticipated that the rules will be presented for the board's consideration in June 2008.

IV. Drug court subcommittee update

Judge Blau reported that the drug court subcommittee continued work on the workshop agenda and provided an overview to the committee. Members approved the agenda. Judge Blau reported that the subcommittee received an update on the certification schedule. Judge Blau also reported that the subcommittee will be discussing the development of a drug court "technical assistance team" to provide guidance to drug courts on various issues. The subcommittee is also looking at the issue of adopting performance measures for Indiana drug courts.

Judge Blau reported that her drug court advisory board held a retreat and developed a marketing plan. The court's 501(c)3 will begin fundraising later in the year.

V. Problem-Solving Court conference planning

In addition to the upcoming PSC workshop, members discussed future training events for problem-solving courts. Members discussed continuing to focus on drug courts for the October workshop and developing other trainings / education programs throughout the year for other problem-solving courts. Members discussed collaborating with other groups and committees, such as POPAI and the Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee, to develop these trainings. Members will continue the discussion of training events for 2008 at the next meeting.

VI. Discussion

Members identified the follow issues for future discussion:

- Identifying what is happening on a national level related to problem-solving courts.
- The concept of developing a technical assistance team made up of various judges and directors for the purpose of providing information to courts interested in developing PSC or with specific PSC issues.
- Developing a legislative strategy for funding drug courts and how to make the best use of the NPC evaluation results.
- Developing a PR strategy for PSC at the state and local level.
- Developing training opportunities for the various PSC models and the possibility of planning training in cooperation with other committees and agencies.

VII. Schedule next meeting date

November 2, 2007 at 12:30 pm

VIII. Adjourn

Judge Shaheed adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.